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FOR USIA DIRECTOR KEOUGH FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: COMMENDATION OF USIS ANKARA

1. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND GIB AUSTIN AND HIS USIS TEAM HERE FOR THE RESOURCEFUL STEP THEY HAVE TAKEN IN THE WAKE OF A MAJOR THEFT OF PRICLESS ANTIQUITES FROM THE GORDIUM MUSEUM (ANKARA 3682).

2. IMMEDIATELY AFTE THE THEFT, THE US DIREITOR OF AMERICAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN TURKEY, WORKING WITH HIS TURKISH COUNTERPARTS, GOT TOGETHER PHOTOGRAPHS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF THE STOLEN OBJECTS.

3. NIN HOUSE AFTER THESE MATERIALS WERE HANDED OVER TO USIS A FLYER IN ENGLISH AND TURKISH INCORPORATING ALL THIS INFORMATION CAME OFF THE PRESSES. THIS FLYER IS BEING WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND MAY, HOPEFULLY, LEAD TO RECOVERY OF AT LEAST SOME OF THE OBJECTS.

4. IN SUM, THIS WAS A SITUATION WHICH PRESENTED A TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THE USIS TEAM IN ANKARA TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND TO BULD GOOD WILL. WHILE I DEEPLY REGRET THE TRAGIC NATURE OF T

E OPPORTUNITY THAT WAS PRESENTED, I AM VERY

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PLEASED BY THE FINE JOB YOUR USIS ORGANIZATION DID HERE WITH

RESPECT TO IT.
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